

# Shop & Dine Downtown for Valentine’s Day

Downtown Albany is full of amazing shops and restaurants. Here are some Valentine’s gift and dining ideas from a few of our members.

**Loafer’s Station** - The Valentine’s Day special menu featuring a selection of starter plates, entrees, and desserts plus two signature cocktails. 4:30-8:30 pm. Reservations required.

**City Delivery** - Their Valentine’s two-pack of wine includes sparkling Cap Fizz from Illahe and is a lovely pale pink, perfect for you or your Valentine, as well as an Oregon 2020 Pinot Noir from Illahe. Visit [www.citydeliverservice.com](http://www.citydeliverservice.com) to order and have wine delivered to your office or home... or send to a friend as a gift!

**Splatter Box** - Try something different this year. The Valentine’s Day couples package includes one and a half hours of splatter paint fun with a large canvas, 2 shirts and 30 bottles (2oz) of paint. Adults 21+ only. Bring your own Wine. Reservations required.



**Tin Roof Boutique** - "Feeling the Love" event specials start Friday, Feb. 4. Give the gift of choice! Gift cards are available in any amount. Gift cards purchases of \$50 or more include a gift box and chocolates.

**Homegrown Oregon Foods** Valentine’s Day Graze Box (Charcuterie style snacks) for two! Boxes feature fresh, natural and healthy foods that would be perfect for your Valentine’s Day. 50% of the funds will be donated to the Albany Gems! Make it a meal with selections from their daily menu. Order online!

**The Natty Dresser** - Valentine’s ideas include Moonstruck Chocolates, Bourbon Flavored Toothpicks, Cufflinks and Watches. They offer complimentary Valentine gift wrapping for your purchases!

**Lux + Lu** - “Roses are Red. Violets are Blue. 20% off items with these colors. Just for You!” Special is available in-store only February 8-12.

**Novak’s Hungarian** - Valentine’s Day Special Dinner for Two includes Langos, Csirke Levas, Cucumber Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu with their Edible Chocolate Box filled with White & Dark Chocolate Mousse includes a glass of wine. Reservations only.

**Pure Beauty Aesthetics** - There is a “Champagne Facial” for all the ladies. For couples it’s LOVE MONTH - Buy 1 HydraFacial get the 2nd one for your honey 1/2 off! For the whole month of February!

**Margin Coffee** - Valentine Makers Market on Saturday, Feb 12. Several local makers and crafters will be hosting a table with their hand crafted items. Grab a drink and pick up some great gifts!



**Emma Downtown** - Beautiful cheerful Spring transition pieces have hit the floor perfect for Valentine’s gifts! New arrivals from Ugg, Habitat, Tribal, Hidden, Dear John, One Love, C’est Moi and more are in and you don’t want to miss them.

**Sybaris Bistro** - Experience love at first bite! Dinner to-go includes Fresh Mozzarella, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Olives, Cherry Peppers, Cracker Bread, Smoked Pheasant & Wild Mushroom Soup, Sybaris Surf & Turf Wellington, and a Valrhona Chocolate Raspberry Tart. Available on Mon., February 14 for curbside pick-up only. Call to reserve yours.

**Brim Coffee Co.** - Stop by to try our super sweet Valentine’s Day specials! There’s something for everyone to LOVE from truffle inspired coffees to candy inspired energy drinks (sugar free option available as well)!

For more great ideas, visit the Albany Downtown Association’s Facebook and Instagram pages for new posts daily through Valentine’s Day.

## AVA Photo Contest Deadline is Feb. 11

It’s time for the Albany Visitors Association’s annual photography contest. The purpose of this contest is to find images suitable for use in the marketing program for Albany, Linn County and the Willamette Valley.



“It’s a terrific opportunity to share your work with millions of visitors across the US and the rest of the world, says Rebecca Bond, AVA’s Executive Director.

We ask that your work specifically features Albany. Your images of life in Albany and surrounding Linn County are what we most commonly use in our publications, advertisements, and social media. Images of what visitors might like to see — people enjoying themselves outdoors, fantastic food and drink events, hiking, biking, paddling, and the beauty and majesty of our city’s historic architecture.

“We can never get enough action shots of people out and about,” added Bond. “So think about staging something with friends; just make sure you get permission and a signed release form for any recognizable people in your work.” Forms are available at the AVA.

The categories are scenic, landmarks, events, people, historic Albany and culinary plus a student category for young photographers ages 18 and under.

The deadline is Friday, Feb. 11 at 5 pm. For more information call (541) 928-0911 or visit [www.albanyvisitors.com](http://www.albanyvisitors.com).

## Oregon’s 163rd Birthday Celebration is Feb. 12

Celebrate Oregon’s Birthday at the Monteith House! This year the celebration will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 11 am – 2 pm.

The Monteith House will be open for tours and there will be special hands-on activities.

The Monteith House is located at 518 SW 2nd Ave. For more information, contact Albany Visitors Association at (541) 928-0911.

## February & March Events

**Thru Friday, Feb 11 - 2022 Albany Visitors Association Photo Contest**  
Annual AVA contest of photos featuring people, places and events in Albany and Linn County. Deadline: Fri., February 11. See details at [www.albanyvisitors.com](http://www.albanyvisitors.com).

**Feb 1-26 - Annual Big Show of Little Art**  
Gallery Calapooia presents the Big Show of Little Art, the Annual Community Open Exhibit of 8” x 8” artworks. The artist reception is Feb 4, 6-8 p.m. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit: [www.gallerycalapooia.com](http://www.gallerycalapooia.com)

**Friday, Feb 4 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany**  
Mark your calendar for Albany’s monthly 1st Friday celebration in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for sales, fun and music. Visit the “1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany” Facebook page for more information. See story this page.

**Feb 11-13, 17-20, 24-26 - ACT presents Fly Babies**  
1943 – WWII is raging. Five young American women, all qualified pilots, lend their skills to the newly-created Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). Written by by Rusty Harding. Directed by: Loren Dunn. Performances: February 11, 12, 13(m), 17, 18, 19, 20(m), 24, 25, 26. For tickets, call the ACT box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org). See story page 1

**Saturday, February 12 - Dr. Seuss’s Birthday & Read Across America**  
Historic Carousel & Museum and Altrusa International of Albany presents this family fun event with games, free books for kids, and more! See story page 4.

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## Rotary “Super Boil” replaces Crab Fest for 2022

This year, Rotary Crab Fest enthusiasts may miss the annual comradery and music, but they can still enjoy tasty Oregon crab plus a Cajun Boil Bag option.

Greater Albany Rotary Club (GARC) has announced their traditional crab fest usually held on Super Bowl weekend is being replaced by a Rotary “Super Boil” with two to-go options. The Cajun Boil Bag offered last fall, is back and joined by a Crab Bag with three cleaned, whole

cooked crabs. Each bags has two servings and is ready to heat and serve.

Orders are picked up at Calapooia Brewery on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 12-5 pm.

The order deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 9th at 5 pm, but they are making only 100 of each bag. Order yours today at [www.greateralbanyrotaryclub.com](http://www.greateralbanyrotaryclub.com).



Back-in angle parking may seem odd, but it is considered safer. Please pull completely into your space to keep the driving lane clear.

Each month ParkWise awards a month of free parking to a lease or employee permit holder.

Our February parking winner is...

*Dana McRae*

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*Director's Corner*

Love is in the air as Valentine’s Day approaches. Downtown restaurants and shops have lots of options to help you make this year extra special. You deserve it!!

Don’t forget this year’s Super Bowl is Sunday, February 13. Catch the game Downtown or get some great food to-go or delivered from a Downtown restaurant.

The applications window has closed for local building and business owners to apply for their project to be selected to move forward toward as ADA’s partner for the 2022 OMS Revitalization Grant. Next, a specific partner project will be select and midmonth the full application process will begin. This is getting exciting!

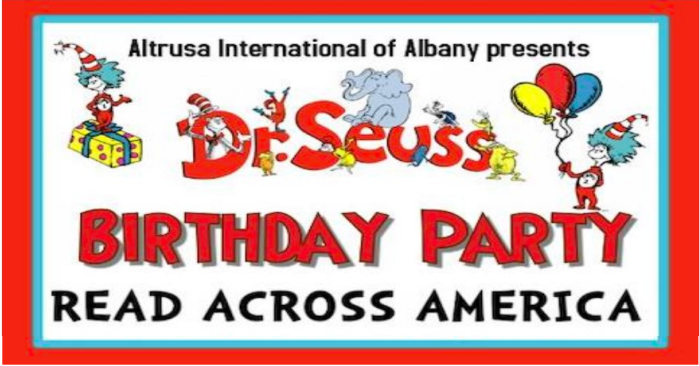
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# Dr. Seuss Birthday Party at Albany Historic Carousel

Join Altrusa International of Albany at the Historic Carousel & Museum for a day of fun at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party and Read Across America on Saturday, February 26.

The event includes a books give away, a “decorate your own cookie” station, crafts and more! Come dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character. To add to the fun, Caesar, the No Drama Llama, will be stopping by for a visit.

The event is all day from 11 am - 3:30 pm. Admission is free. Carousel rides will be available for purchase. The Albany Historic Carousel & Museum is located at 503 1st Ave. W. in Downtown Albany.



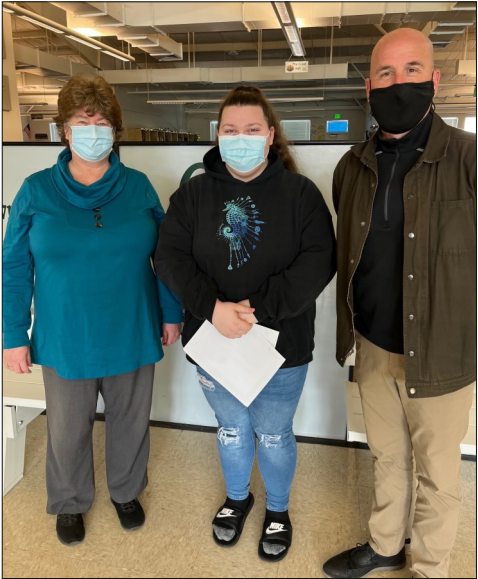
## High School Art to Expand Albany Alley’s Art Dumpster Exhibit

More fun is coming to Albany Alley this spring. Three new Art Dumpsters featuring artwork from our three Albany high schools will join the current exhibit.

Each high school created a process to select one piece of art. The students each receive a \$500 scholarship.

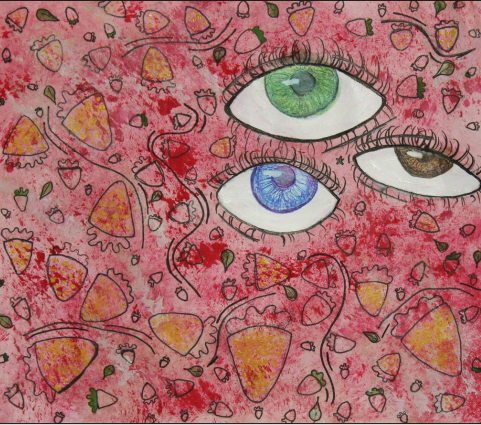
**Laura Strickland** is a Junior at Albany Options School. She was born in California and has lived between California and Oregon her whole life. She has always loved nature and drawing, and pulls her inspiration from the beauty in nature. In addition to painting, Laura loves animals, reading, and crafts.

"Monarch butterflies" began as a project in her art class, but took on new life when she was also doing a research project in science class on monarch butterflies. Having always loved monarch butterflies, learning about the species facing endangerment made Laura more passionate about sharing this issue with the community, which is why she chose to expand on this class art project for the Albany Alley project. She wants more people to learn and care about this important issue so that we can continue to enjoy their beauty and contribution for generations to come.



Laura Strickland, student artist, center, receives her scholarship at the Albany Options School's Academic Awards on February 3 presented by Lise Grato, ADA, and Mark Hannan, AOS Principle.

**Addy Watts** is a seventeen-year-old senior at South Albany High School, they were born in Albany in 2004. They spent their youth playing soccer as well as singing in choirs. During their junior year of high school, they realized their passion was art, and since then they've indulged themselves in a life full of art.



Strawberry Fields Forever  
by Addy Watts



Vibrant Mountainside  
by Carly Cummings

Their piece is inspired by the song “Strawberry Fields Forever” by The Beatles. Their dad sent them that song one random morning and they attached this song to Albany and their childhood. They also see this as a beautiful way to capture a moment frozen in time. And they cannot wait to revisit this.

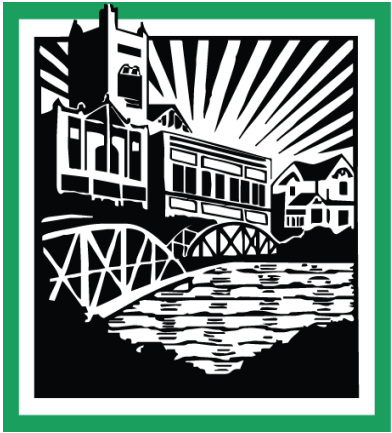
**Carly Cummings**, an 11th grade student at West Albany High School, has lived in Albany for around 12 years. Throughout her life in the Pacific Northwest, she has visited multiple State and National Parks with her family and acquired a love for nature. Carly enjoys drawing, painting and experimenting with mixed media while focusing on nature and people.

“Vibrant Mountainside” embodies the spirit and vibrancy of Oregon landscapes. This painting of Mt. Hood and its captivating forest was done after seeing the mountain in person for the first time. The animated flowers and background represent the feeling of amazement when beauty is discovered. By combining realistic and imaginative elements, the richness of Oregon wildlife and culture can be seen.

The expanded Art Dumpster program was funded as part of the 2021 Travel Oregon Destination Ready Opportunity.



Monarch Butterflies  
by Laura Strickland



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

February 2022

## Albany Civic Theater Presents “Fly Babies”

It's 1943, WWII is raging. Five young American women, all qualified pilots, lend their skills to the newly-created Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs): Dotty, the wide-eyed farm girl; Peggy, the spoiled heiress; Pauline, the seasoned barnstormer; Hazel, the Asian-American who has already witnessed the horrors of war; and Mazy, the African-American who is fighting her own war against prejudice.

All five come together on the desolate plains of west Texas, where they experience the challenge, the triumphs, and the tragedies of serving their country on the home front. And where they quickly discover that not all battles are fought overseas.

Step into a different time as Albany Civic Theater presents *Fly Babies* written by Rusty Harding and directed by Loren Dunn.

*Fly Babies* performances are on February 11, 12, 13(matinee), 17, 18, 19, 20 (matinee), 24, 25, and 26.



Evening performances are at 7:30 pm. Matinees start at 2:30 pm. Streaming performance on Feb 12.

For live and streaming tickets, call the ACT box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org).

## Albany Taps & Caps returns to Downtown on Saturday, March 5

The 4th Albany Taps & Caps is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 from 4-8 pm. A Downtown brewery and tap house crawl,

the event is a fundraiser for Furniture Share, helping families in crisis, and Beds for Kids.

The 2022 locations are The Growler Garage & Tap House, Calapooia Brewing Co. / Vivacity Spirits, Deluxe Brewing Co. / Sinister Distilling and No Rails Ale House.

Tickets are \$25 and include 4 tastes (1 at each taphouse/brewery), snacks, appetizers and prizes. The first 65 tickets sold include a souvenir glass growler. Event tickets can be purchased online at [www.furnitureshare.org](http://www.furnitureshare.org) starting February 15, or at Growler Garage on the event day.

4 Stops - 4 Hours - 4 Fun

For more information, see the Furniture Share and Albany Downtown Association Facebook pages and websites.



Albany Taps & Caps

